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SUBJECT: MALIK ON U.S. BASES

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1. WE ANTICIPATE THAT U.S. BASES IN PHILIPPINES WILL
EMERGE AS CENTRAL ISSUE AT ASEAN MEETING OF FOREIGN
MINISTERS IN KUALA LUMPUR MAY 13.

2. WHILE WE ASSUME BOTH SUHARTO AND LEE KUAN YEW HAVE
POSITIVE VIEWS OF RETENTION OF U.S. BASES IN PHILIPPINES,
PROBLEM IS HOW TO GET THEIR RESPECTIVE FOREIGN MINISTERS
TO REFLECT THOSE POSITIVE VIEWS RATHER THAN NEGATIVE VIEWS
THAT MALIK AND PERHAPS RAJARATNAMARE WONT TO SURFACE.
WE DONT WANT TOCROWD DEPARTMENT OR EMBASSIES KUALA
LUMPUR AND JAKARTA BUT WE BELIVE THAT DELAY IN ENSURING
THAT RESPECTIVE FOREIGN MINISTERS EXPRESS APPROPRIATE
VIEWS WILL BE COSTLY, PARTICULARLY SINCE PHILIPPINES'

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ROMULO IS HIMSELF EXTREMELY WEAK ON SUBJECT AT THIS TIME.

WE WOULD HOPE DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSIES JAKARTA AND
KUALA LUMPUR CAN TAKE STEPS NECESSARY TO LINE UP
INDONESIA AND SINGAPORE ON U.S. SIDE AND WE WILL DO
BEST WE CAN HERE ON GOP.

3. WHILE WE ARE UNAWARE LEE KUAN YEW'S SCHEDULE FOR
WASHINGTON, IT MAY BE POSSIBLE FOR DEPT TO INSPIRE HIM
DURING THAT VISIT TO SEND INSTRUCTIONS TO SINGAPORE PRIOR
MAY 13 MEETING IN KUALA LUMPUR.
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